

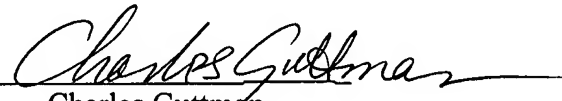
**REMARKS**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of May 14, 2004. Please proceed to examine this application on the basis of the "Amendment to the claims" section submitted herein and on the basis of the remarks presented in the Amendment filed on or about April 30, 2004.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance and a favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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